

REMARKS

Claim 17 has been amended. ✓

Claims 31 - 32 have been added. ✓

Claims 1 - 32 are present in the application. ✓

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's diligence in examining the current application. In the Office Action dated September 16, 1996, the Examiner made a restriction requirement necessitating an election of a single invention to prosecute in the current application. This issue is addressed below.

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement and takes the position that the claims are drawn to two distinct inventions related as a combination and subcombination. Specifically, the Examiner believes that Group I claims 1 - 9 and 17 - 19 are drawn to a personal computer data card and method for affixing layers onto a data card, while Group II claims 10 - 16, 20 - 27 and 28 - 30 are drawn to the combination of the data card and an adapter for receiving the data card. In order to expedite prosecution, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1 - 9 and 17 - 19 drawn to a personal computer data card and method for affixing layers onto a data card for prosecution in the current application. Applicant reserves the right to include the non-elected claims in a later filed divisional application.

Further, claim 17 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error, while claims 31 and 32 have been added to further define the invention by adding the feature of disposing the card within an adapter to enable insertion of the card into a personal computer.

The applicant, having responded to the restriction requirement and amended the application to further define the invention, considers the application to be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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